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# *Data Developments*

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**Current Population Survey, April 1995: Food Security  
Supplement** *[machine-readable data file] / conducted by the Bureau of the  
Census for the Food and Consumer Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.  
- Washington: Bureau of the Census [producer and distributor], 1998.*

## Type of File

Microdata; unit of observation is individuals within housing units.

## Universe Description

The universe consists of all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States living in households. The probability sample selected to represent the universe consists of approximately 57,000 households.

## Subject-Matter Description

Data are provided on labor force activity for the week prior to the survey. Comprehensive data are available on the employment status, occupation, and industry of persons 15 years old and over. Also shown are personal characteristics such as age, sex, race, marital status, veteran status, household relationship, educational background, and Hispanic origin.

The April 1995 CPS Food Security Supplement was conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for the Food and Consumer Service (FCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Supplement questions were asked of all interviewed households, as appropriate. The supplement was intended to research the full range of severity of food insecurity and hunger as experienced in U.S. households.

Based on this research, the FCS has developed comprehensive food security measurement scales and food security status indicators, which are described in Attachment 3, Overview - Food Security Supplement. **Please be advised, however, that responses to any of the supplement's individual items are not, taken alone and in themselves, meaningful measures of food insufficiency, food insecurity, or hunger, and should not be used as such.**

## Geographic Coverage

State of residence is uniquely identified as well as census geographic division and region. The 113 largest metropolitan areas (CMSA's or MSA's), 89 selected MSA's, 66 selected PMSA's, and 30 central cities in multi-central city MSA's or PMSA's also are uniquely identified.<sup>1</sup> Within confidentiality restrictions, indicators are provided for MSA-PMSA/non-MSA-PMSA, central city/noncentral city, farm/nonfarm, and MSA/CMSA size.

<sup>1</sup>MSA's = Metropolitan Statistical Areas; CMSA's = Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Areas; PMSA's = Primary Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

## Technical Description

**File Structure:** Rectangular.

**File Size:** 153,418 logical records; 1,079 character logical record length.

**File Sort Sequence:** State rank by CMSA/MSA rank by household identification number by line number.

## Reference Materials

*Current Population Survey, April 1995: Food Security Supplement Technical Documentation.* Documentation contains this abstract, including ordering information, overview, definitions, questionnaire facsimiles, code lists, and record layouts of the file. One copy accompanies each file order. Additional copies are available from Administrative and Customer Services Division, Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. Telephone: (301) 457-4100.

Bureau of the Census. *The Current Population Survey Design and Methodology* (Technical Paper 40) (out of print). Describes in detail the sample design and survey procedures used as well as accuracy of estimates and sampling errors. Reference copies should be available from most public libraries or Federal Depository Libraries. It also is available on microfiche and microfiche paperprints from Customer Services, Administrative and Customer Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

## File Availability

The file may be ordered from Administrative and Customer Services Division. It is available on 9-track tape reel (ASCII or EBCDIC, labeled or unlabeled, 6250 bpi). The file also can be made available on IBM 3480 compatible tape cartridge or CD-R (compact disc-recordable) in ASCII format.